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To members of the Shaed Education Campus community,

As we move forward together toward our goal of improving the educational experience of every DCPS student, we have been carefully considering ways in which DCPS can better serve all students. Shaed has had a small and declining enrollment for a number of years, and does not have a population large enough to sustain a full PS-8 program. Therefore, **DCPS proposes to close Shaed Education Campus at the end of this school year. Shaed students would attend Emery Education Campus beginning in the fall of 2011.** Both Shaed and Emery students would move to the former Langley School building, next to McKinley High School, to support the growth of this new program.

While school closures are always challenging, we must consider how to best allocate limited DCPS resources and ensure that all students have access to comprehensive academic and extracurricular programming. The goal of this proposal is to provide Shaed students with a strong educational experience through attending a school with a larger enrollment and more programmatic offerings. By transitioning students to Emery in its larger facility, we are confident we can enhance the academic, enrichment, and support services offered to all students. At the same time, we will work with the Shaed community to preserve and build upon the best strengths of the existing school program.

We are confident that this proposal is in the best interest of students and would yield positive results. Before making a final decision on this proposal, however, DCPS needs to hear all of your comments, questions and concerns. We are all working together to improve our students' education; your input is very important to us. **Please share your perspectives at an open community meeting on January 11 at 6:00pm at Shaed.** While there will be additional meetings for parents and staff within the next few weeks, this meeting is an opportunity for the Shaed community to gather on this issue.

We know that you will have a significant number of questions about this proposal. We have included some initial questions and answers with this letter, but there are undoubtedly others. We will also continue to engage with the school community to identify additional questions and gather ideas and input to consider before a final decision is made.

We are committed to providing as much information as possible in a timely manner and maintaining ongoing communication throughout this process. If you have additional questions or concerns not addressed in this letter, you should feel free to contact Principal Cheryl Taylor. You are also welcome to contact Margie Yeager in the DCPS central office who will be engaging with the Shaed school community. She can be reached at [Margery.Yeager@dc.gov](mailto:Margery.Yeager@dc.gov) or 202-442-5612.

Sincerely,



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